

God's Will is Good for You

Shalom Everyone,

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

Genesis 12:2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

Genesis 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

These verses at the beginning of this portion of scripture which is found in **Genesis 12:1—17:27** are the instruction to Abram, "**Lech-lecha**," which are Hebrew words which mean, "go", or "leave", or more accurately, "**Go for yourself.**" This begins the story of the call of Abram, later called Abraham, into a God-ordained place of ministry which would not only bless Abraham, but literally, all the nations of the earth. **It was necessary that Abraham separate himself to the call** which God placed upon his life. Understand that it is grace which enables us to be that part of the body which God has called us to be. It was the same for Abraham. In order for the things that God spoke concerning him to become manifest, Abraham had to undergo many trials until, **by faith he was ready to receive the promise. Every trial, or test he went through was a means by which he grew to make his potential an actuality**, and the only way he was able to overcome every obstacle was by the grace of God. In every trial, we can see that **it would have been impossible for mere flesh to have prevailed, but by God's grace he was empowered to trust in God's trusting faithfulness.**

The first of Abraham's trials of faith was "**Lech-lecha**" or "**Go for yourself.**" He had to separate himself to the call of God. Abraham had to leave behind his former home, and even his father and his house, **we must be prepared to leave behind those things which get in the way of our following Yeshua and His call on our lives.** It is so important that we realize that old things must pass away, and all things must become new. Abraham obeyed God, but not all at once. He left his home as commanded, but he clung to his father until he died. He then entered the land of Canaan, but kept his nephew, Lot, close to him until God orchestrated a separation. It has been said that, "**Terah (Abraham's father) had to die, and Lot had to leave**" before Abraham was able to see the full plan of God unfold in his life.

I am often given the excuse by those who would be a regular part of the congregation of Messiah that they are just too busy, or that they intend to take their place in the body as soon as they get free from this commitment or that job, or their family is grown, or some other pursuit doesn't take all of their time. I think you probably get

the point. There is always going to be something that competes for your time. **The fact is, God is not going to force you to put Him, and His kingdom first. You must choose to do it just because you know it is the will of God, and His will is always the best way for you, because He loves you and desires to bless you. What He has planned for us is not only His will, but it is for our benefit.** God told Abram, **“Go for yourself to the land which I will show you.”** When Abram went to that land, the Land of Israel, he positioned himself for the blessing that God promised to him, and he, **by his choice**, allowed himself to become a blessing to all the nations of the earth.

As we are discovering that each of us is a vital member in the body of Messiah, and that the part that we are to become has been ordained by God, and that He has set us in His body as it pleases Him, **we are also finding that we must answer, “Yes” to His call** if we are to function in the body as He has designed us to function. **We must choose to separate ourselves from** the old fleshly way of doing things, from our old habits, from our old desires, and from allowing the cares of this world to become convenient excuses for not putting the Lord first, and **we must choose to separate ourselves unto Him**, who is our Head, the Lord, Yeshua, and develop in the newness of life, in the Spirit.

Separation from the old is never easy. In fact, to do it requires **supernatural enabling**, but that is exactly what YHWH has provided for us. He told Paul, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”** (2 Corinthians 12:9) The fact is that the life we are called to live, and the call of God on our lives is not just difficult, it is impossible apart from the empowering grace of God. I believe, however, that the Word of God is clear, that by His grace, through faith, we are not only saved, but become “More than conquerors” through the One Who loves us.

Don't let anyone, or anything keep you from His love, nor dissuade you from your high calling of God in the Messiah Yeshua. Truly, by His grace, we will overcome. **We will reap if we faint not.**

All for Yeshua,
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